

Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) A method of providing axial and circumferential compliance to an intraluminal prosthesis stent/graft composite, comprising:

(a) combining a polytetrafluoroethylene tape strip and a distensible support structure to form an assembly strip; and

(b) combining said assembly strip with a substantially continuous inner tubular body support by wrapping said assembly strip about said inner tubular body support in a non-overlapping pattern, such that the distensible support structure is placed in direct contact with said tubular inner body and said tape strip completely overlies the distensible support structure forming a non-continuous outer tubular body of polytetrafluoroethylene components.

Claim 16 (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein segments of said assembly strip are wrapped circumferentially about said inner tubular body support, to form a non-continuous outer tubular body of polytetrafluoroethylene components.

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the assembly strip is wrapped with a plurality of helical turns around the inner tubular body, each helical turn defining one of said polytetrafluoroethylene components.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) A method of making an implantable intraluminal stent/graft composite prosthesis comprising:

a) providing a continuous ePTFE tubular inner body;

b) wrapping a stent directly against said continuous ePTFE tubular inner body, in a non-overlapping relationship; and

c) wrapping an ePTFE strip about the tubular inner body and stent, to overly the stent.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) A method of making an implantable intraluminal stent/graft prosthesis, comprising:

- a) providing an ePTFE strip, having a length greater than its width;
- b) providing an unwrapped stent;
- c) assembling the stent with the strip to make an assembly strip with a stent side and an ePTFE strip side;
- d) providing a continuous tubular inner body; and
- e) wrapping the assembly strip around the inner body in non-overlapping relationship, such that said stent side is placed directly against said inner body.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) A method of claim 15 wherein said combining step (a) includes:

applying said support structure to one side of said tape strip.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) A method of claim 21 wherein said applying step further includes:

positioning said support structure on said one side of said tape strap in a wavelike pattern.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) A method of claim 21 wherein said combining step (b) includes:

positioning said one side of said tape strap onto said inner tubular body.